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1 AN ACT Relating to college readiness standards; and creating new
2 sections.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that many students
5 graduate from high school without a clear understanding of the level of
6 college mathematics courses for which they are prepared. The
7 legislature further finds that this problem is made worse by the fact
8 that the state's institutions of higher education use different
9 examinations for determining readiness and placement in college
10 mathematics courses. Even when colleges use the same placement
11 examinations, they do not necessarily use the same scores to determine
12 a student's readiness and placement. Therefore, it is the intent of
13 the legislature that a common examination in mathematics, with common
14 scores for determining student qualifications for college-level
15 mathematics courses, be developed for use by all of the state's
16 institutions of higher education.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The state board for community and technical
18 colleges and the higher education coordinating board shall work in

1 consultation with the public four-year institutions of higher education
2 to develop a common placement examination for college mathematics
3 courses. The boards shall also set common scores for determining
4 student qualifications for college-level mathematics courses. All
5 public two and four-year institutions of higher education shall use the
6 common placement examination, with the common scores, when determining
7 student qualifications for college mathematics courses. The test and
8 scores shall be developed and implemented by the beginning of the 2008-
9 09 academic year.

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